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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR CONOFF TO APPEAR AS WITNESS
IN COURT

REF: 2 FAM 221.5

1. HNKG HAS OGQUESTED CONOFF TO APPEAR AS WITNESS IN PROSECUTION OF TWO HNK RESIDENTS ARRESTED FOR FRAUD INVOLVING SCHEME ON PART OF PAIR TO ELICIT PAYMENTS FOR CLAIMED HELP IN OBTAINING STUDENT VISAS. SUMS INVOLVED ARE APPROXIMATELY \$(HNK)20,000 PER APPLICANT. POST REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR CONOFF, FSO-5 WILLIAM KRAUSS TO TESTIFY IN CASE. CONOFF TESTIMONY WOULD COVER VISA ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.

2. COURT APPEARANCE OF CONOFF RECOMMENDED ON BASIS (1) WILL STRENGTHEN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HNKG IN ANTI-FRAUD ACTIVITIES; (2) WILL HELP PUBLICIZE, DUE TO THE INTEREST OF LOCAL CHINESE PAPERS IN SUCH CASES, CONGEN AND HNKG INTEREST IN PREVENTION OF VISA FRAUD AND EXPLOITATION OF LOCAL CITIZENRY IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN U.S. VISAS. THIS WILL ALSO FURTHER DISSEMINATE INFO ON PROPER PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN VISA.

3. SINCE TRIAL IN MAGISTRATES COURT SCHEDULED THURSDAY SEPT 1 (LOCAL, EXPEDITIOUS REPLY TO THIS REQUEST WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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